

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4009

Introduced by

Senators Heitkamp, Nichols

Representatives Solberg, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to allow the states to govern and determine the
2 conditions under which travel and other activities may be conducted on the national grasslands.

3 **WHEREAS**, the national grasslands comprise nearly 4,000,000 acres of publicly owned
4 lands and are administered by the United States Forest Service; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Forest Service is the largest land management entity in
6 North Dakota and administers three national grasslands in the state, the Little Missouri National
7 Grassland, the Shyenenne National Grassland, and the Cedar River National Grassland; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the national grasslands in the state total 1,105,000 acres, which is forty-six
9 percent of all federal land in North Dakota and two percent of the land area of the entire state;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, because of the importance of these lands to the state and because the
12 state is in the best position to govern these lands and determine the rules under which travel
13 and other activities should be permitted on the national grasslands;

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
15 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

16 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
17 allow the states to govern and determine the conditions under which travel and other activities
18 may be conducted on the national grasslands; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
20 resolution to the Secretary of Agriculture, the chief of the United States Forest Service, the
21 supervisor of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands office, and to each member of the North Dakota
22 Congressional Delegation.